

WAC 246-217-010 Definitions. As used in this chapter of the rules and regulations, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Additional **food** safety training" means completion of a comprehensive training program on **food** safety of at least four hours in length. Training may include topics such as: Proper cooking, hot-holding, cold-holding and cooling of potentially hazardous foods; cross-contamination prevention; HACCP and/or proper hand washing techniques.

Approval of training programs shall be obtained from jurisdictional health departments or the department by the training provider. Approval of training programs must be obtained in advance.

(2) "Applicant" means an individual applying to obtain an initial or renewal **food worker** card.

(3) "Department" means the Washington state department of health.

(4) "**Food service** establishment" means:

(a) A place, location, operation, site, or facility where **food** is manufactured, prepared, processed, packaged, dispensed, distributed, sold, served, or offered to the consumer regardless of whether or not compensation for **food** occurs, including but not limited to:

(i) Restaurants, snack bars, cafeterias, taverns, bars;

(ii) Retail **food** stores, supermarkets, retail meat markets, retail fish markets, retail bakeries, delicatessens;

(iii) Institutional operations licensed by the department, the state department of social and health services or local health officer, such as schools, hospitals, jails, prisons, nursing homes, boarding homes, adult family homes and child care facilities;

(iv) Central preparation sites, including caterers;

(v) Satellite servicing locations;

(vi) Temporary **food service** establishments or mobile **food** units;

(vii) Bed and breakfast operations;

(viii) Remote feeding sites; and

(ix) Vending machines dispensing potentially hazardous foods.

(b) This term does not include:

(i) Private homes where **food** is prepared or served for consumption by household members and/or their guests;

(ii) Establishments offering only commercially prepackaged nonpotentially hazardous foods;

(iii) Commercial **food** processing establishments, licensed and regulated by the USDA, FDA, or WSDA; and

(iv) Farmers exempt from licensure under RCW [36.71.090](#).

(5) "**Food service worker**" means an individual who works (or intends to work) with or without pay in a **food service** establishment and handles unwrapped or unpackaged **food** or who may contribute to the transmission of infectious diseases through the nature of his/her contact with **food** products and/or equipment and facilities. This does not include persons who simply assist residents or patients in institutional facilities with meals, or students in K-12 schools who periodically assist with school meal **service**.

(6) "**Food worker** card" means a **food** and beverage **service** workers' permit as required under chapter [69.06](#) RCW.

(7) "Health officer" means the county, city-county, or district health officer of a jurisdictional health department, or his/her authorized representative, or the

representative of the department.

(8) "Jurisdictional health department" refers to one of the following:

(a) Local health district as defined in chapter [70.46](#) RCW.

(b) City-county health department as defined in chapter [70.08](#) RCW.

(c) County health department as defined in chapter [70.05](#) RCW.

(9) "Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity or agency of state, county, or municipal government, or agency of the federal government which is subject to the jurisdiction of the state.

(10) "Secretary" means the secretary of the state department of health.

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